

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: ADOPTIONS

These services assist children who cannot safely return to their birth families become part of a legally secure permanent home.

Adoption Program Philosophy

Adoption is the method provided by law to establish the legal relationship of parent and child between persons who are not so related by birth, with the same mutual rights and obligations that exist between children and their birth parent. The primary purpose of adoption is to help children whose parents are incapable of assuming or continuing parental responsibilities to become part of a new family.

In order to render the best possible services, each Montgomery County DSS staff member must have the conviction that an appropriate home can be found for any child who needs to be adopted and that the agency is responsible for enabling this. To accomplish this goal, Montgomery County DSS is committed to the diligent recruitment of potential adoptive families that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children in the state for whom adoptive homes are needed. Our responsibility is to provide prospective adoptive parents equitable access to the preparation and assessment process.

The selection of a family focuses on the needs of the child being placed. The placement services include assistance to the child and the adoptive family in the process of their integration as a new family.

Goals of Adoption Services are to:

- Ensure timely permanence for children through legal adoption;
- Ensure that each child, regardless of race, age, ethnicity or handicapping condition, has an opportunity for placement in a permanent family;
- Support and strengthen the adoptive family;
- Provide services to all members of the adoption triad.

Adoptions Services Include:

- Recruitment, Training and Assessment of Families
- Child Specific Adoption Recruitment and Preparation
- Adoption Placement and Support
- Post Adopt Services

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